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REMARKS

The undersigned attorney thanks Examiner Kim for his careful review of this patent application. Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested in light of the above amendments to the application in view of the following remarks. Prior to entry of this amendment, claims 1, and 3 - 11 were pending in the application. Claims 1, 3, and 4 were rejected, claims 5 - 8 were allowed, and claims 9 - 11 were withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner. Upon entry of this Response, claims 1, 3, 4 and will be cancelled without prejudice, claims will be withdrawn from consideration, and claims 5 - 8 will be allowed and in condition for allowance.

Claims 5 - 8 Are Patentable Over the Cited References

Claims 1, 3, and 4 have been cancelled without prejudice and Applicant reserve the right to resubmit claims 1, 3, and 4 in a Continuation Application.

Claims 9 - 11 have been withdrawn from consideration and Applicant reserve the right to resubmit claims 9 - 11 in a Divisional Application.

In paragraph 9, the Office Action allowed claims 5 - 8. Therefore, since claims 1, 3, and 4 have been cancelled without prejudice and claims 9 - 11 have been withdrawn from consideration, , it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed on to issuance.

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CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that claims 5 - 8 are in condition for allowance and that each point raised in the Final Office Action of March 12, 2004 with regard to these claims has been fully addressed. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the rejections be withdrawn and that the case be processed to issuance in accordance with Patent Official Business.

If the Examiner believes that there are any issues that can be resolved by a telephone conference, or that there are any informalities that can be corrected by an Examiner's amendment, please contact John Briski at (404) 885-3141.

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